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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 21, 2007, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants are concurrently submitting a Request for Continued Examination. A Shortened Statutory Period was set to expire three (3) months after the mailing of the Final Office Action, *i.e.*, July 21, 2008. Applicants hereby request a two (2) month extension of time extending the time for reply to and including September 21, 2008. The extension fee of **\$230.00** for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) is being paid via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the filing of this response on August 27, 2008 is timely.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants request consideration of the following Remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.